

## STATE NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL  
NEW MEXICO  
PEOPLE

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Gallup will soon have free delivery service.

The town of Melrose was nearly wiped out by fire.

A good roads association has been formed at Tucumcari.

The annual state meeting of the M. W. A. was held in Roswell.

A large acreage of corn is being planted in the Pecos valley.

The state land office at Santa Fe earned \$28,841.97 during April.

The county road board of Chaves county has forty steel road-drags.

Raton has approved the plans for a new city hall and fire department buildings.

Governor McDonald has appointed Henry A. Long of Cutter, Sierra county, a notary public.

At a recent fire in Wagon Mound 43,000 pounds of wool were destroyed, of which 19,000 belonged to James Holbrook.

The little daughter of P. T. Schrader broke her arm while roller skating near the home of A. C. Keinath at Artesia.

Eastern New Mexico is now carpeted with such a covering of green vegetation as has never been seen at this early date.

Sixteen tons of parcels post matter was shipped from Silver City to the Mogollon mining section during the first half of April.

Tom Spivey, living three miles south of Artesia, broke his leg between the ankle and the knee when he leaped from his horse.

Over two and a half million dollars by conservative estimate is invested in automobiles in New Mexico, and over \$62,000 in motorcycles.

Authority has been received at Albuquerque to start to work on new buildings for the Indian school there that will cost about \$50,000.

According to the United States census Bureau New Mexico has gained 50,000 population in the four years since the last census was taken.

The Las Vegas Odd Fellows properly celebrated the ninety-fifth anniversary of the founding of the order with a banquet and entertainment.

Five prisoners received penitentiary sentence for crimes committed in Quay county and Sheriff Ward and deputy escorted them to Santa Fe.

The dog poisoner is abroad in Las Vegas and quite a number of valuable animals have been lost—the best dogs as usual falling a prey to the brute.

The forest service announces the completion of a telephone line through the Manzano national forest to Placitas and to Cuba in the Jemez forest.

Travelers from the Pecos praise most highly the work being done by the state engineer's department on the road between Santa Fé and Glorieta.

Two horses belonging to Lucas brothers of Deming, fell in a well, forty-seven feet deep, and were dead within three minutes after reaching the bottom.

B. F. Brown, a former member of the Territorial Legislature, has been arrested charged with embezzling \$100 of money order funds from the Mosquero postoffice.

Felix Salcido of Dona Ana county and Pedro Perea of Espinosa, Socorro county, have been restored to citizenship by an order of Governor William C. McDonald.

The department of education at Santa Fe holds that in case of a tie for school directors, a vacancy occurs which may be filled by the county school superintendent.

## BIG CROP OF MELONS

TO PLANT 1,500 ACRES IN CANTALOUPE IN PECOS VALLEY.

Expect to Ship Thousands of Crates From District Between Portales and Pecos City This Season.

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Artesia.—The New Mexico cantaloupe is to tickle the palate of the epicurean more than ever before this coming season and the shipments from the Pecos valley are to break all records. The question of whether or not it pays to raise cantaloupes is answered eloquently by the statement that there will be over 1,500 acres of the melons planted between Portales, Roosevelt county and Pecos City, Tex., below the southern border, meaning thousands of crates for the market, to satisfy an ever increasing demand.

With better than 300 acres of cantaloupes already planted around Artesia and a few yet to be put in the ground, indications are that this will be one of the banner years for the cantaloupe farmers of the valley. According to the men who have planted cantaloupes before, this spring has been exceptionally good and the work has been rushed in getting them planted.

At Portales there will be 250 acres grown; 200 acres at Roswell; 300 acres here; 200 acres at Lakewood, and 250 acres at Pecos City, Tex.

Besides this crop there will be 300 acres of tomatoes planted at Lakewood. The latter has proven to be one of the best paying crops in the valley.

## Parole Applications.

Santa Fé.—The following penitentiary prisoners have made application for parole. Arthur May, Cazimiro Remaria, Gabriel Armendaris, Frank Williams, Daniel Bullion and Samuel Burke, all of Lincoln county; Luis Perez, Valencia; Melquiades Ponce, Joe Pina, Glosine Pelacci, Pero Tjekacha, Moises Trujillo and José L. Romero, Colfax; Gabe Beasley, Curry; Isabel Villesca, Juanita Lopez de Peralta, Torrance; Thomas Smith and Roy Benberry, San Miguel; Jesus Lopez and Uredo Juarique, Grant; James S. Osborn and Esquibel Leborio, Dona Ana; Alberto Gallejos, Guadalupe; Ystallo Muniz, Santa Fé; Desiderio, Sena, Taos; Jim Martin, Bat Harris, Will Freeland, J. J. Cutler, B. P. Bomar, Chaves; Pinkney H. Head, San Juan.

## Postmasters Appointed.

Santa Fé.—Postmaster John Pfeuger has received notice of the following appointments of fourth class postmasters in this state: Minnie T. Hart, Elephant Butte; Frances N. Wilson, Folsom; Nellie M. Gemrides, Onava; Charles S. Erickson, Pecos; William G. Johnson, Roy; John H. Ricker, Jr., Shoemaker; Edwin H. Hughes, Solino; Robert H. Taylor, White Oaks; Wallace E. Bennett, Cuervo; Glenn C. Morgan, Lake Arthur; Juan Valencia, Odon; Beth M. Grover, San Rafael; José R. Padilla, Shiprock; Enrie E. West, West.

## School Bonds Over Million.

Santa Fé.—The revised report of the New Mexico outstanding school bonds has been sent to U. S. Commissioner of Education Claxton. It shows that the total outstanding bonds amount to \$1,199,403.43, and of this large sum \$246,000 were issued in 1913. The Albuquerque schools issued \$194,000.

## Fire Wipes Out Melrose.

Albuquerque, N. M.—The town of Melrose, 100 miles east of here, practically was wiped out by fire.

## TAMPICO IS SET ON FIRE

BLAZING RUINS MAKE CITY AN EASY MARK FOR GUNS; REBELS SLAY HUNDREDS IN NIGHT ATTACK.

## OIL WELLS FIRED

AMERICAN CITIZENS RUSHED TO PLACES OF SAFETY IN HARBOR AS 7,000 MEN OPEN DESPERATE BATTLE.

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Juarez, May 11.—The most desperate battle of the present Mexico Revolution was fought last night at Tampico, according to reports reaching constitutionalist officials here. Some of the oil wells and tanks are burning and a portion of the town is on fire. Hundreds are said to have been killed.

Seven thousand Constitutionalists under Generals Pedro Gonzales and Luis Caballero are engaged.

General Jesus Carranza with his brigade was thought to form a part of the force attacking Tampico but it was learned that it had been decided that he was needed in the campaign on Saltillo, and the Carranza brigade was sent back to Monterey.

All Americans have been taken aboard the United States warships, but other foreigners are scattered throughout the oil well district. It was this section of the battlefield that the United States government suggested should be made a neutral zone. The Constitutionalist generals refused to adopt this suggestion.

By the light of the blazing oil tanks fired by stray shots, the rebel artillerymen hurled shot after shot from twenty heavy field-guns into the strongly-entrenched position held by General Ignacio Morelos Zaragonza the federal commander, in the center of the town, sweeping the breastworks with a hail of shrapnel in an effort to open the way for a dash by General Pablo Gonzales' infantry.

For the first time in the fighting between the men of Huerta and Carranza, the Constitutionalists were on equal terms with the Federals in the matter of artillery.

The twenty French field guns captured by General Gonzales at Monterey and placed in position before Tampico have done tremendous execution, the French shrapnel bursting with the utmost precision in sharp contrast to the home-made shells used by Villa in his battles about Torreón.

General Gonzales, advancing from the north under cover of the artillery fire, seized a portion of the outskirts of the city and maintained his position.

## Report Americans Held by Dictator.

Washington.—Richard Harding Davis, author and war correspondent, who was sent by the New York Tribune to Mexico as its correspondent, is under arrest in Mexico City.

Medill McCormick of Chicago, who is representing the London Times, also is under arrest in Mexico City, according to dispatches to Secretary Bryan.

The message says Brigadier General Funston at Vera Cruz has received information that the two correspondents have been taken into custody.

But a note never falls due at the proper time.

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## In a Way.

"This is steep on me," complained the cook.

"What is?" asked the waitress.

"The boss just sent work to me to make some more tea."

## Not Quite Professional.

"Why do they have 'tormentors' on the stage?"

"I suppose one reason is because they can't keep off of it the people who only think they can act."

## Retort Diplomatic.

She—Have you any special reason for wanting to know my age?

He—I merely wish to know at what age woman is really the most fascinating.—Philadelphia Record.

## Sartorial Controversy.

An Atchison man said that \$5 was recently bet that Andy Ketcham possessed more suits of clothes when he left Atchison than Taft owned when he left the White House. To decide the bet Wilbur Hawk was written to at the Federal Penitentiary. Mr. Hawk wrote back that when Taft surrendered his office to Wilson he had 35 suits of clothes. It is local history that Andy Ketcham owned 37 suits when he got the hot-foot and deserted Atchison for more hospitable climes. Andy hasn't done much since he left Atchison, and it is said that the only clothes he now possesses is a pair of overalls.—Atchison Globe.

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